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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

In The Drawings:

Please add the attached Fig. 5.

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Remarks

Applicant recently received a Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application dated March 1, 2002. The Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application indicated that Fig. 5 described in the specification has been omitted from the above-identified application.

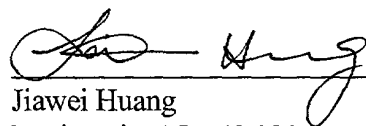
Applicant hereby submits the omitted Fig. 5. For the reasons discussed below, it is believed that no new matter is introduced by the addition of Fig. 5 and the entry thereof is requested.

The above-identified application is a continuation application of U.S. application serial No. 09/777,538, which in turn is a continuation application of U.S. application serial No. 09/417,357 (now it has been issued into U.S. Patent No. 6,254,739.).

Fig. 5 was filed with both application serial No. 09/417,357 and serial No. 09/777,538. The entire disclosure of application serial No. 09/777,538 has been incorporated by reference in the above-identified application (See the filing transmittal). The entire disclosure of application serial No. 09/417,357 has also been incorporated by reference in the application serial No. 09/777,538. Therefore, through the incorporation by reference, the omitted Fig. 5 is originally a part of the above-identified application (10/074,151). The insertion of Fig. 5 into the specification thus does not introduce new matter.

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